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APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB, Nov. 12.—The councillors reported as follows: Mr. J. R. Edwards on topography, Prof. C. E. Fay on exploration and Dr. W. B. Parker on improvements. Rev. John Worcester described the excursion to Tuckerman's ravine, made in connection with the field meeting at North Conway. Prof. Charles R. Cross gave an account of the Congress of Alpine clubs, held at Geneva the past summer, which he attended as the representative of the club.

Dec. 10.—Prof. J. H. H. Huntington reported as councillor of natural history. Mrs. Phebe M. Kendal presented her report as councillor of art. Prof. E. S. Morse read some notes on Japan, illustrated by the large maps of Japan recently received by the club. A copy of Prof. Guyot's new map of the Catskill mountains, presented by the author, was shown and an explanatory paper, written by him, was read.

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, Nov. 18.—The Earl of Dunraven read a paper on moose and caribou hunting in the wilds of Canada. Dec. 9.—Rear Admiral Ammen presented a paper on the proposed inter-oceanic ship canal across Nicaragua.

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, Section of Biology, Dec. 1.—Prof. Geo. Macloskie read a paper on the proboscis of the house fly.

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SELECTED ARTICLES IN SCIENTIFIC SERIALS.

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SCIENCE AND ARTS, Dec. 15th—Artificial fertilization of oyster eggs, and embryology of the American oyster, by W. K. Brooks. Origin of the Lœss, by G. C. Brodhead. New Jurassic reptiles by O. C. Marsh.

GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE, Nov.—Further notes upon the form of volcanoes, by J. Milne.

JENAISCHE ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR NATURWISSENSCHAFT, Oct. 29—On the comparative anatomy of the digestive system of birds, second part, by H. Gadow. The distribution of the fresh and brackish water fishes of Africa, by C. Dambeck. The anatomy and histology of the actinians with special reference to the nervo-muscular system, by O. and R. Hertwig.

SIEBOLD UND KÖLLIKER'S ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR WISSENSCHAFTLICHE ZOOLOGIE, Oct. 29th—Researches on the structure and development of sponges, eighth part, by F. E. Schultze. Germ layers and formation of the organs of Echini, by E. Selenka. Contributions to the natural history of the *Daphnidae*, by A. Weismann.

ANNALES DES SCIENCES NATURELLES, Sept., 1878 (just received)—On the scales of teleosaurian fishes, by M. Carlet. On the geographical distribution of bats compared with that of other terrestrial mammals, by M. Trouessart.